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**Largest Adoption Event of the Year Takes Place in Texas
During the National Wild Horse and Burro Expo**

(Glen Rose, Texas, Nov. 14-17, 2002) – Coming soon, four days of fun and excitement. Attend the largest wild horse and burro adoption event of the year, with more than 300 animals available.

Sponsored by Bureau of Land Management (BLM), this Wild Horse and Burro Adoption and Expo will be held at the Expo Center in Glen Rose, Texas, Nov. 14-17. Admission is free.

Wild horses and burros will be brought in daily. Other attractions include continuous gentling demonstrations, training clinics, vendors and the “wildest” horse and burro show ever. Individuals with horses or burros that were adopted through the adoption program are eligible to participate in the horse show. No entrance fee required. Horse show, demos and clinics are free to spectators.

National Wild Horse & Burro Expo Schedule

Preview & Registration: Thursday, Nov. 14, from noon to 6 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 15, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 16, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Adoptions: Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Oral competitive bid at 10 a.m.
Walk-up adoptions from noon to 4 p.m.

Demos: All day, every day
Horse Show: Saturday, Nov. 16, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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For individuals looking for a horse ready to ride, there will be seven horses saddle-trained by inmates available from two correctional facilities. Three horses are from Hutchinson, Kansas, and four are from Canon City, Colorado. Other horses available for adoption will be worked with at the expo by nationally recognized horse trainers.

Gentling demonstrations and training clinics will be led by: **Michael Richardson; Chris Irwin; Bryan Neubert; Lesley Neuman; Lyle E. “Bergy” Bergeleen; and Charles Wilhelm and Parelli - endorsed instructor Bruce Logan, both sponsored by Wahl Clippers.** With a minimum contribution of \$25 to the National Wild Horse and Burro Foundation for each session, individuals may participate in a training clinic. Clinics filled on first come, first serve basis.

Except for saddle-trained horses from Canon City, adoption fees for all animals start with a minimum bid of \$125 for approved adopters. Adoption fees for horses trained at Canon City begin at \$925 for mares and \$1,025 for geldings. To qualify to adopt you must be 18 years of age with approved facilities. Applications available and approved on site. To obtain an application in advance, or for more information, visit BLM’s web site at: www.wildhorseandburro.blm.gov or call toll-free **1-866-4-MUSTANGS** (468-7826).

The BLM offers excess wild horses and burros gathered from public lands in the West **to qualified adopters who must demonstrate humane care for the animals for a year prior to receiving title.** Animals vary in ages, colors, breeds and are in good health. Prior to being offered for adoption they are thoroughly inspected by veterinarians, dewormed and tested for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA, also known as swamp fever), and vaccinated for West Nile Virus, Rabies, Strangles, Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis, Tetanus, Rhinopneumonitis and Influenza.

The National Wild Horse & Burro Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of the BLM's National Wild Horse and Burro Program. For more information about the foundation, please call 1-800-551-9209.